

TRIBUTE TO JERRY C. PRUIETT

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the career of veteran, community leader, and my longtime friend Jerry C. Pruiett, who will retire after a lifetime of work. Jerry's extraordinary commitment to community service reflects the best values of Central Texas; his strong work ethic and his friendly and inspiring attitude lifts all around him.

Jerry's military career was but a humble beginning of a life filled with love and service. A gifted athlete, Jerry turned down an opportunity to try out for the New York Mets to join the Navy. He served his country aboard two Navy aircraft carriers: the USS Coral Sea, known as the "Ageless Warrior", and the USS Enterprise, the world's first nuclear powered aircraft carrier.

After the Navy, Jerry continued life in the civil service for two more years at Kelly Air Force Base. Shortly thereafter, Jerry accepted a job with ButterKrust Bakery and shouldered the responsibility of General Sales Manager for 28 years. In 2003, Jerry went to work for K&N Management and will retire on October 24, 2015.

Over the years, Jerry found numerous ways to serve his fellow man in the Round Rock, Texas Community. In 2010 Jerry coordinated a successful golf tournament to support Nevus Outreach to help children born with skin diseases. Having seen his father diagnosed with Alzheimer's, Jerry wanted to do all he could to help those in need and would later organize a fundraiser in support of research into that debilitating disease.

When I reflect on Jerry's life of service and our friendship over the years I am reminded of the teachings of Christ when he taught, "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." To Jerry, these are not mere words but a summons by which to live a fulfilling life. I am proud to call Jerry my friend. Round Rock is lucky to have him as a part of our growing community.

Retirement is to be celebrated and enjoyed. It is not the end of a career, but rather the beginning of a new adventure. I salute Jerry Pruiett for his hard work and dedication to his community. I wish him only the best in the years ahead.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER, RECIPIENT OF THE LACKAWANNA PRO BONO'S ROBERT W. MUNLEY AWARD

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Women's Resource Center which will be awarded the 2015 Lackawanna Pro Bono's Robert W. Munley Award. Lackawanna Pro Bono is a non-profit organization established in 1997 to increase the availability of free legal representation for low-income in-

dividuals and families throughout Lackawanna County.

The Women's Resource Center is a non-profit organization located in Scranton, Pennsylvania. The Women's Resource Center is the sole provider of domestic violence and sexual assault services in Lackawanna and Susquehanna Counties. Since 1976, Women's Resource Center has provided free and confidential services that support justice, autonomy, restoration, and safety for adult and child survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. Women's Resource Center utilizes a holistic approach, providing crisis and advocacy services, safe housing, transitional housing and civil/legal representation for survivors. Programs are designed to be flexible to meet the needs of survivors from diverse ethnic, cultural, racial, and socioeconomic backgrounds. In 2014, Women's Resource Center provided services to 1,504 survivors of domestic violence and 297 survivors of sexual assault, providing safe housing for 145 families. Civil legal representation was provided for 110 program participants with 206 case filings.

Today, under the leadership of Executive Director Peg Ruddy, the Women's Resource Center remains a dynamic force in northeastern Pennsylvania, helping over 50,000 women and children in Lackawanna and Susquehanna Counties rebuild their lives free of violence and fear since beginning operations. Of that number, 42,138 were adult and child victims of domestic violence and 9,949 victims of sexual abuse. Those reaching out for help come from all walks of life, socioeconomic backgrounds, education, ethnicities, and sexual orientation. Services are free and extended to everyone, including family members, adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse, and men in same sex relationships.

It is an honor to recognize the Women's Resource Center for the great service it has done for the community, and I extend my congratulations on being awarded the Lackawanna Pro Bono's Robert W. Munley Award. I commend the Women's Resource Center for the great efforts it puts forth to make northeastern Pennsylvania a better community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following remarks regarding my absence from votes which occurred on October 9, 2015. I departed from Washington due to the flood crisis in the district to accompany Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson and Red Cross National President Gail McGovern.

1) H.R. 702—To Adapt to Changing Crude Oil Market Conditions—YES; Amash Amendment 1—NO; Messer Amendment 5—YES; Messer Amendment 6—YES; Motion to recommit H.R. 702—NO.

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT
NICHOLAS DE KRUIF**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Nicholas De Kruij of Boy Scout Troop 98 in Urbandale, Iowa, for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Nicholas is the son of Jim and Elizabeth De Kruij of Johnston, Iowa.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about four percent of Boy Scouts earn the prestigious Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained for more than a century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout must pass specific tests organized by requirements and merit badges, and complete an Eagle Project to benefit the community. Nicholas has earned 21 merit badges as a Boy Scout. For his Eagle Scout Service Project he and his twin brother Noah, who is also an Eagle Scout, revitalized a local school, the Joshua Christian Academy. The project included a complete renovation of the landscaping, painting fresh lines in the parking lots, adding concrete barriers in areas of need, and making a sign to help identify the school. The staff at Joshua Christian Academy really appreciated the effort to make the school safer and more visually appealing.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Nicholas and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating him on reaching the rank of Eagle Scout and in wishing him nothing but continued success in his future education and career.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL
MEDICAL ASSISTANTS WEEK**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor all medical assistant professionals as we observe National Medical Assistants Week.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, medical assisting is one of our country's fastest growing occupations with an estimated 584,000 men and women serving nationwide. These medical professionals are central figures in the health care industry as they promote, support, and help maintain cooperative and successful relationships between patients and physicians.

In the U.S., medical assistants have traditionally held jobs almost exclusively in ambulatory care centers, urgent care facilities, and clinics, but this is now changing. Today, medical assistants work in private and public hospitals, inpatient and outpatient facilities, assisted living facilities, or in general practice and specialists' offices. Operating with a wide